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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 22, 2005, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.